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1. The construction of an armament factory near Miskolc started in October 1950. This factory, in accordance with the Five-Year Plan, is to be built and in operation by November 1951, and will actually be a branch of the Diosgyör Works.* A railway siding will lead from the latter to the new factory.

2. The factory is 13 kms. from Miskolc. A large cave was excavated in 1949 on the border of Sajo Babony in the hillside of the so-called Tomasteto. (See Attachment). It was completed in 1950. An armament factory equipped with modern machinery is to be built in this cave.

3. According to the plans prepared, the factory is to have 6 storeys. The building will be bomb-proof and made of ferro-concrete. It will have mush rooms, dining halls, etc.

4. Building materials are obtained in the vicinity as follows:

   a. Concrete rubble from the Katz stone-breaking plant at Gyékényháza (near Miskolc).

   b. Ferro-concrete from the Diosgyör MAVAG and the necessary quantities of cement from the Felsögalla factory.

5. The railway line which runs through the Diosgyör Works, will be extended 5-6 km. and will bring the finished weapons and semi-finished products directly to the new factory at Sajo Babony. This extension of the line will also connect with the main line Hidasnemeti - Miskolc - Budapest via Sajo Keresztur.

6. Electric power will be supplied by the 125,000 kw power plant at MAVAG, Diosgyör, which was put in commission on 7 October 1950.**

7. When the new factory is in operation, the work which has been done in the assembly workshop of the Diosgyör Works since 5 September will be discontinued. Assembly of weapons will be done at Sajo Babony, and only tank undercarriages (Panzer-Unterteile) will be produced at Diosgyör.

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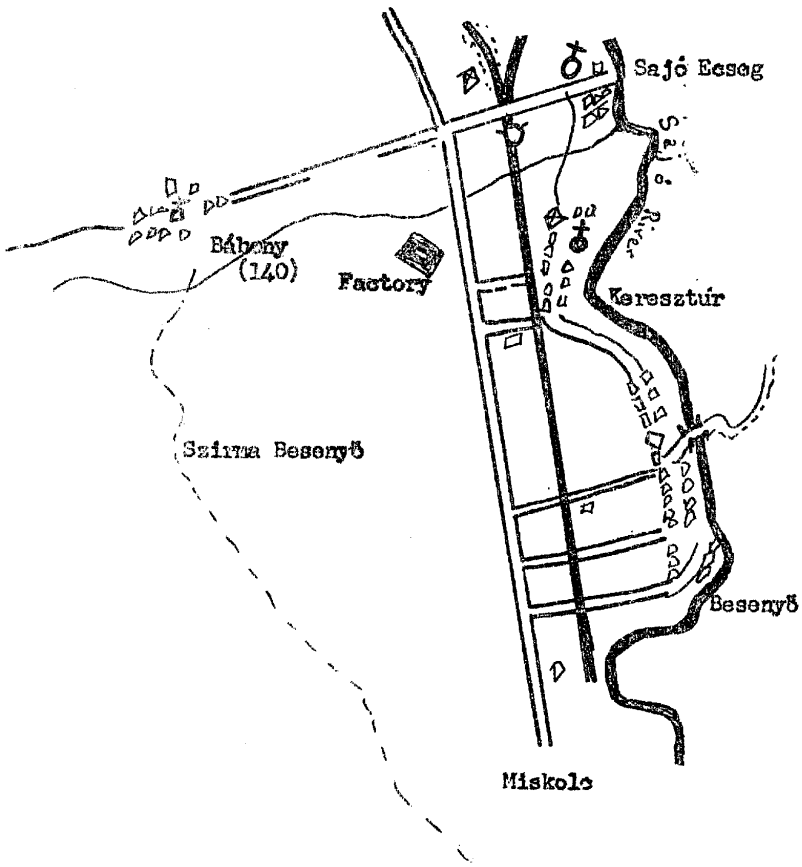

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